
Minutes

Public Art/Art in Private Development Committee

Subcommittee of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission

September 9, 2009

Minutes of the Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Committee meeting that took place at 5 p.m. on Sept. 9, 2009, in the Tempe Center for Arts (TCA) Conference Room, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Betsy Fahlman – Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Nikie Crawford
Judy Ellison
Shirlee King

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant
Maja Switzer, Arts Coordinator

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

- Betsy Fahlman called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – AIPD: Library Renovation Design Team Artist’s Concepts

- Betsy Fahlman, Public Art/AIPD Committee Chair, presented the committee with an artwork proposal submitted by Erin Shie Palmer; Fahlman reminded the committee that E. Palmer was selected and approved by the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) to fulfill the public artwork element to be integrated into the Tempe Public Library Renovation project.
- B. Fahlman explained that E. Palmer’s proposed piece is titled, “Cumulo Libris.” Fahlman added that the artwork will create a cloud cover over the Library’s main stairwell and will consist of 50,000 acrylic-coated, layered book pages suspended from the ceiling and supported by aluminum armatures; down lights above the piece will provide a glow from within and will highlight variations in density and color.
- Robert Bortfeld inquired about the possibility of the Library’s fire sprinkler extinguishers damaging the proposed book pages; B. Fahlman reminded R. Bortfeld that the pages will be coated with acrylic. Fahlman further stated that the proposed artwork will have to be approved by the City of Tempe Risk Management Department.

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- MOTION:** Shirlee King moved to recommend the approval of the proposed Tempe Public Library Renovation Project's integrated public art element as presented.
- SECOND:** Nikie Crawford seconded.
- DECISION:** The Public Art/AIPD Committee recommends approval of the proposed Tempe Public Library Renovation Project's integrated public art element as presented.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Art/AIPD Update

- Betsy Fahlman stated that the Evelyn Hallman Park Public Art Opportunity Panel Review is set to take place at 9 a.m. on Sept. 24 in the Tempe Public Library Connections Café, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.
- B. Fahlman further reported that the budget for the Evelyn Hallman Park Public Art Opportunity is approximately \$38,500.
- Maja Switzer, Arts Coordinator, stated that the regularly-scheduled Public Art/AIPD Committee meeting set to take place on Sept. 22 is cancelled; Switzer added that the next meeting of the Public Art/AIPD Committee will take place at 5 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the TCA Conference Room.

Agenda Item 4 - Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Maja Switzer